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SUBJ: PROGRAM OF FLA

1. FLA IS CIRCULATING IN SAO MIGUEL AND WILL SOON DISTRIBUTE ON OTHER ISLANDS COPIES OF ITS PROGRAM. ACCORDING TO PPD/FLA LEADERS THIS REPRESENTS VIEWS OF LIBERAL FACTION OF FLA IN SAO MIGUEL AND FLA ON ALL OTHER ISLANDS. WILL POUCH COPY TO DEPARTMENT.
2. PROGRAM CALLS FOR INDEPENDENCE THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOP AND A REFERENDUM, BUT IF NEGOTIATIONS FAIL ADVOCATES UNILATERAL INDEPENDENCE MOVE.
3. FLA'S VISION OF AN INDEPENDENT AZORES INCLUDES INTER ALIA, UNIVERSAL SECRET SUFFRAGE, ELECTED PRESIDENT AND REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY, AND INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY, FOREIGN AID AND INVESTMENT PROVIDED THEY DO NOT COMPROMISE INDEPENDENCE, SUPPRESSION OF DOMINANCE OF ONE ISLAND OVER OTHER, RIGHT OF WORKERS PARTICIPATION IN OWNERSHIP AND PROFITS OF COMPANIES, FREE UNIONS, RIGHT TO STRIKE, RESPECT OF PRIVATE PROPERTY SUBORDINATE TO SOCIAL FUNCTION, "SOCIALIZATION" OF MONOPOLIES AND LATIFUNDIOS, LAND REFORM, HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION FOR ALL AZOREANS, INDEPENDENT FOREIGN

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POLICY, 200 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA AND GUARANTEES BASIC FREEDOMS.

4. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT OF FLA, AND IT BEARS STRONG INFLUENCE OF PPD AZOREAN LEADERSHIP. ALTHOUGH THE PROGRAM HAMMERED OUT BY FLA REPRESENTATIVES THROUGHOUT AZORES. WE DO NOT KNOW IF IT HAS SUPPORT OF JOSE ALMEIDA'S U.S. BASED FLA OR RIGHT WING FLA FACTION ON SAO MIGUEL. REFERENCE TO SURPRESSION OF DOMINANCE OF ONE ISLAND OVER OTHERS IS CLEAR STATEMENT THAT INTERESTS OF OTHER ISLANDS MUST BE SAFEGUARDED VIS A VIS SAO MIGUEL, THE LARGEST AND MOST DEVELOPED ISLAND. PROGRAM IS UNFAVORABLE TO INTERESTS OF LARGE LANDOWNERS OF SAO MIGUEL AND SHOULD DESTROY BASIS OF THE ARGUMENT THAT FLA IS AN INSTRUMENT OF THAT GROUP. PFEIFLE

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